9/8/67

Dear Paul,

People have vacations and days off, so sometimes my mail is as it should be. Yours of 9/6 arrived today, a day late.

I did not intend for you to bother Alvarez if it would be that. I have no reason to doubt his integrity, although I suppose it is possible he heard his students mention this and not recall that he did. I have not written to call his attention that those very same frames and the very same conclusions did not originate with him and required no arcane secrets, no great science. With CBS it is different.

We shall make copies of the appendix as soon as possible after I have the right page number. They'll probably include the index to it that is now done with artificial page numbers. The book is in galley and was promised for less than a month from now. Perhaps, perhaps doubtful. I'll keep you people posted. I think your decision to get a single copy is perhaps wise if you have adequate copying facilities, for you may not be interested in all of it. It is also better for me. Time is a very real problem when two undertake so much too much.

I am interested in the INCA stuff. You will find your comment almost word for word in O In M.O.; It may be only because they were already doing the CIA's work.

I have not seen the ONI Oswald file but, naturally, have been interested. I think Tom also did not see it. I believe he has made public comment about this that may have helped the finding along. I have the so-called "File classification manual" and will have it in print, I believe, in a month or less. I recommend against your spending the money it costs. Most of the pages are blank paper, it contains little you would not anticipate but does reveal the preconceptions. If what I use in the coming next book is not sufficient for your purposes, I can make copies of what I have for much less. Rhoads' reference to name index is no surprise. The Commission began one but soon abandoned it. I discontinued my search on that once I had enough to establish this, and that, too, I'll print. This can be helpful, they have been using it all along, and it would be much more helpful if it were at all close to complete. That the Commission did not require something like this reveals its interests.

My schedule on the book I am now working on, to include all I have on everything except Manchester and Tiger Ride is complicated by my wife's preoccupation with the name index to O in N.O. and other necessities, like a 1,000 mailing we just made, the CBS work, etc., the normal interruptions and two I now anticipate, one next week and one the following one od several days' duration. However, it is my plan to have it done and at the printer's before I leave for my "tour". Garrison phoned the other day. He'd like me there for a couple of weeks. I'll probably go for about three days and return if I can really do some good, at the beginning of the trip. And I may have to go to NYC. I think it important to get this material out before the Shaw trial, before the local elections, and, generally, as fast as possible. But my output is slowed by extreme physical fatigue. I do have much of the rough draft of the text on paper and almost all the appendix pasted up. I think it will be less than a month, at least for a few copies without index; We can print the whole book and not bind until the index is done. If this is what happens, I'll carry a few with me.

Best to you all.

Sincerely,